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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 3524

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR LOA'S: M109 BNS

REF: (A) STATE 63992, (B) DA 212001Z MAY 76, (C) KUWAIT 1948
(DTG 210715Z APR 76)

1. REF A STATED US APPROVAL IN PRINCIPAL TO THE SALE OF 2 BN
M109'S. REF B PROVIDED INFO THAT M109 EQUIPMENT RECAPITULATION
OF TOE'S WERE BEING FORWARDED. REF C PROVIDED COMMENTS AS REQUESTED
ON TRAINING PLAN FOR M109'S.

2. EQUIPMENT RECAPITULATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED; HOWEVER, TECHNICAL
INFO AVAILABLE LOCALLY IS NOT ADEQUATE TO CONDUCT MEANINGFUL
REVIEW.

3. IN INTEREST OF COMPLETING REVIEWS OF EQUIPMENT LISTINGS
AND REVIEW OF TRAINING PLANS, GOK IS PREPARED TO SENT ARTILLERY
REPRESENTATIVES TO US FOR WHATEVER PERIOD DEEMED APPROPRIATE
TO FINALIZE INFO NECESSARY FOR LOA PREPARATION.

4. AS PROPOSED, GOK ARTILLERY TEAM WOULD CONSIST OF THREE TO
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FIVE MEMBERS WHO WOULD DETERMINE GOK EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

THROUGH REVIEW IN CONJUNCTION WITH US TOE ARTY BN. TEAM WOULD INCLUDE NECESSARY REPRESENTATIVES TO ADDRESS ALL SUBJECTS (TRAINING, LOGISTICS, AMMUNITIONS, ETC.); HOWEVER, WOULD NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF BEING SPLIT BETWEEN TWO LOCATIONS (TEAM WOULD FUNCTION AS ONE GROUP AT ALL TIMES).

5. UPON RETURN TO KUWAIT, TEAM DETERMINATION WOULD BE PRESENTED TO APPROPRIATE GOK OFFICIALS FOR FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

6. GOK ARMED FORCES REPS HAVE STATED ARTY REPS AVAILABLE O/A 15 AUG 76. FURTHER, THAT TEAM WOULD BE PROVIDED AT NO EXPENSE TO U.S.

7. BECAUSE OF PRESENT STATUS OF LOA PREPARATION, LACK OF SUFFICIENT TECHNICAL INFO AVAILABLE IN COUNTRY FOR EQUIPMENT REVIEW, AND CONTINUED HIGH LEVEL INTEREST WITH GOK MOD, EMBASSY BELIEVES GOK ARTILLERY TEAM VISIT TO U.S. TO FINALIZE LOA PREPARATION IN BEST INTEREST OF ALCON.

8. PLEASE ADVISE.
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